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1. (U) LETTER AGREEMENT WITH SUPARCO CONSUMATED AUGUST 27. SITE PREPARATION IN PAKISTAN NOW INITIATED AND EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL DURING SEPTEMBER.

2. (U) WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONVEYING TO APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS NASA'S DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THEIR
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INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF OUR PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH

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A TEMPORARY RECEIVING FACILITY NEAR KARAJ. AS GOI AWARE, DRIVING FACTOR IN SITE SELECTION WAS EARLIEST OPERATIONAL DATE AND OTHER SITES WERE OPENLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. NASA REGRETS IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH AN EARLIER DECISION IN IRAN WHICH WOULD HAVE PERMITTED A FORTUITOUS ASSOCIATION AND EXPERIENCE USEFUL TO PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION'S (PBO) OWN PLANS FOR PERMANENT LANDSAT STATION NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED. EMBASSY SHOULD AGAIN NOTE THAT PORTABLE RECEIVER TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT ONLY TO SUPPORT CRITICAL NASA PROGRAMS IN AREA WHERE NO PERMANENT STATION YET OPERATING. PORTABLE FACILITY SCHEDULED TO BE RETURNED TO

U.S. PRIOR TO LANDSAT-C LAUNCHING WHEN NASA EXPECTS IRANIAN STATION WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL. DEPENDING ON NASA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AT THAT TIME, NASA MAY WANT TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FROM PBO SOME DATA OF REGION COVERED BY ITS STATION.

3. (U) NASA LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH IRANIAN STATION AS ENVISIONED IN THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST YEAR AND TO PRODUCTIVE ASSOCIATION.

4. (U) MANY THANKS TO POST FOR EFFORTS THEY EXPENDED ON NASA'S BEHALF.

5. (LOU) FYI: FOR EMBASSY INFO ONLY: AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH GOP ESSENTIALLY THAT TRANSMITTED IN DRAFT TO BOTH GOI AND GOP LAST APRIL/MAY. DISSEMINATION ISSUES RAISED BY GOI MFA (REF B) WERE OF FUNDAMENTAL POLICY NATURE WHICH COULD HAVE INVOLVED CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, PARA 1B (3) REF B IN CONFLICT WITH POSITION ALREADY AGREED TO BY GOI IN MOU COVERING ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT FACILITY AND, WAS IN FACT, NEVER RAISED AT ANY TIME DURING EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS FOR PERMANENT LANDSAT STATION. WHEN APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT GOI'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER MOU ON THIS POINT WILL BE BINDING WHEN IMPLEMENTATION STAGE REACHED. KISSINGER

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